

After Final Amendment C  
 Appl. No. 10/798,941  
 November 22, 2005

Amended Claims

Claims 1-19 (canceled).

20. (Currently amended) A ~~An isolated~~ nucleotide sequence, wherein the nucleotide sequence comprises: harbouring  
 the promoter region controlling the expression of the ~~[[A.]]~~ Actinobacillus  
pleuropneumoniae ~~[[RTX-]]~~ repeat in toxin operon type IV (ApxIV) gene, ~~characterized in~~  
~~that said nucleotide sequence comprises the DNA fragment from position 594 to 641 of~~  
 SEQ ID NO. 5, and  
a heterologous gene that is functionally linked to the promoter region.